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PROMOTION OF RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has decided to elicit information from the universities/institutions to understand their pursuit of research vis-a-vis the impact in generating new knowledge and application to its outcomes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any plans to use the said data for the promotion of research besides applying mid course corrections; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (d) : The University Grants Commission(UGC) has informed the Ministry that it is regularly collecting information from universities/ institutions implementing the following schemes to augment quality and promote research, namely: UGC-Basic Scientific Research (BSR), University with Potential for Excellence(UPE); Centre with Potential for Excellence in Particular Area(CPEPA), Colleges with Potential for Excellence(CPE), Special Assistance Programme (SAP) etc. The information is utilized for undertaking improvements in these schemes as well as for formulating new schemes.

The UGC-BSR Empowered Committee, set up in order to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Basic Scientific Research, meets frequently to analyse the information collected on the status of Basic Scientific Research and to undertake mid course corrections.